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SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 1984

Members Preview Garden Show '84 Oct. 18

THREE ACRES OF NEW PLANTING IDEAS TO BE ON DISPLAY FOR MEMBERS ONLY.

Members of the California Arboretum Foundation are expected to turn out in record numbers for their special preview of GARDEN SHOW '84 on Thursday evening, October 18, from 4 to 8 p.m. which opens officially the next day for its 10-day run on the Arboretum grounds.

Described as perhaps the best opportunity of the year to acquire fresh ideas for fall and winter gardens, the show will feature garden designs of many of the little known flowers and shrubs from around the world that are easily grown in southern California.

Some three acres of space will be devoted to flower garden ideas created by the cream of southern California horticulturists to help our members fill their gardens with color and beauty for the coming fall and winter season.

More than 30,000 visitors are expected to attend the show which will emphasize the ease with which southern Californians can have gardens of unusual beauty with a minimum of effort by taking advantage of the wide variety of flowers, plants and designs to be seen with experts on hand to help in every way, whether your garden be large or small, a patio or a corner.

Only three years old, the fall show is already recognized as one of the premier shows of the West Coast and the nation and is designed to keep pace with the changing needs of gardeners as they move from large to small or small to large spaces for gardening.

New plant materials are constantly being developed by industry and botanical gardens such as the Arboretum to help make the development of new fall and winter gardens a never ending challenge, for those who want that and a lovely spot of color with minimum maintenance for others.

Considered largest of its kind in the west, GARDEN SHOW '84 will feature garden designs and displays by commercial landscapers, retail and wholesale nurseries, garden clubs, horticultural groups and works by collegiate research teams.

While garden shows in the grand style of Chelsea in England or Floriade in Holland are seldom seen now days because of their cost and relatively small interest in large garden layouts, GARDEN SHOW '84 will have something for everyone with an urge to have and grow something of beauty in their yards and patios.

"Local gardeners often overlook the colorful plants from all over the world that thrive in Southern California," said Francis Ching, director of the Arboretum, "when they settle for ordinary greenery. The ideal climate in this area opens up possibilities for choosing among thousands of plants that don't demand any more care than some of the more common landscape materials."

At GARDEN SHOW '84, members of the Foundation will have a great chance at the new introductions and a chance to browse among creative model gardens and pick up new ideas to transform your outdoor living space. Most of the garden vignettes use imaginative outdoor structures or fountains as focal points to add drama to a backyard or patio, no matter what size.

Several exhibits feature a particular plant family such as a collection of 20 species and cultivars of staghorn ferns [**Platycerium**]. Most of these ferns have flat, forked fronds that project like living green antlers from the slabs of wood from which they hang.

Examples of many of the 2,000 species of bromeliads fill another display.

R. KIRK EVANS HEADS FOUNDATION

New officers for the 1984-85 year were named at the June 19 meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Foundation with Kirk Evans unanimously elected president.

Kirk brings a number of skills to the job which should be of great help to the Foundation not the least of which is a firm feeling for the importance of the Arboretum and the Foundation.

He says, "When I first heard of the concept of the Arboretum and what it stands for, I decided it is very worthwhile."

Kirk lives with his wife, Midge, and five children in Arcadia. He serves as Vice-President, Finance, at Gerald J. Sullivan & Associates in downtown Los Angeles. His educational background includes a B.S. in Accounting from Brigham Young University, and an M.B.A. from University of California, Berkeley. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

At his first meeting of the Board of Trustees he was accorded high marks for running a smooth meeting, taking the reins from Jack Shepherd and moving from his position as Treasurer to the top spot with alacrity.

Although he is fluent in French, he spared us from our linguistic lackings and stuck to English.

In addition to Kirk, your other elected officers are James P. Curry, first vice-president; Frank Regan, 2nd vice-president; R. Bruce McCallum, secretary-treasurer.

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EDUCATION PROGRAMS SCHEDULED
(by Wendy Sekovich)

Did you know
scattering mint leaves in doorways discourages ants?
radishes can be grown all year in southern California?
an orchid can be grown without soil?

These and other interesting facts have been discovered at the Sunday Arboretum Discovery Program. You are missing a lot of fun and horticultural information if you haven't been attending.

In April, the Education Program re-established itself at the Arboretum with Sunday walking tours and horticultural lectures. Since then, enthusiasm and attendance has grown at an amazing rate.

Check your brochure for the dates and plan to join us on Sundays.

Adult Education classes begin September 10. Day and evening classes include Poisonous, Medicinal and Edible Plant Identification; Beginning Bonsai;Perennials; Ikebana; and Holiday Decorations.

The classes are filling rapidly and pre-registration is suggested, although you may register at the first class as space permits.

Let me close with advice to the leaf-lorn: the proper way to cut a rose is to cut just above the 5-leaflet leaf with at least 2 leaves remaining on the stem below the cut. This way you insure more blooms on the stem left behind.

COTTAGE SCENE CALLED 'BEAUTY UNADORNED'
(by Sandy Snider)

Visitors often ask how the building of the Queen Anne Cottage was received. Very well, indeed, if you accept the following excerpt from the Los Angeles Daily Times of May 8, 1886:

'From the main drive a handsome shaded arbor leads up to the cottage, where the visitor treads a marble walk to the marble steps which rise to a marble floored verandah. But, it is upon entering the cottage itself that one becomes aware of the fact that wealth and artistic taste have gone hand in hand in producing the most elegant effects. The floors are being laid with Wilton carpets at a cost of $5 per yard while the furniture and bric-a-brac have been brought from the proprietor's rooms at the Baldwin Hotel, in San Francisco. Marble mantels of Parian whiteness with deep-set grates - in which it is intended to burn gas made on the premises from naphtha, when the weather is cool - lend an air of solid comfort to the rooms.'

'In the parlor is suspended a gold gilt chandelier, of candelabrum design, the jets being at the tops of the imitation candles. It is, however, in the windows that the aesthetic hand of the artist has found scope, and where the owner of this truly royal lodge has chosen to exhibit his taste. One of these contains a fine portrait of Byron, another of Shakespeare, a third a bathing scene where "beauty unadorned" is represented in Edenic loveliness, in the liquid element or swinging above it from vine, in utter oblivion of the profane gaze of "peeping Toms."

'Baldwin is in the East looking after his racing horses. His married daughter is in New York while Mrs. Baldwin is in San Francisco. The cottage will be ready for occupancy this summer. Meals will be taken at the adjoining house, reached by a wire bridge to be thrown across the water that intervenes.'

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Walking Tours and Horticultural Lectures

Fall -- 1984

The Sunday Arboretum Discovery Program is designed for those seeking more than casual information on both horticultural and historical subjects. Two-hour walks begin at 10:00 a.m. and survey selected sections of the Arboretum. One-and-a-half hour lectures begin at 2:00 p.m. with discussions and demonstrations that cover horticultural methods and practices.

Walking tours and lectures are free with admission to the Arboretum. Walking tours will be limited to the first 100 people.

OCTOBER

EXPLORING BULBS FOR YOUR GARDEN

October 7 — Dan Davids
2:00 p.m. — Ayres Hall

Fall is the time to select and plant many different types of bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes for spring color. This lecture will include soil preparation, planting techniques and care of bulbs in the garden and in containers. Varieties for successful indoor planting and for outdoor patios and gardens will be examined.

EXPLORING THE ARBORETUM'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE RESIDENTIAL GARDEN

October 14 — Dr. Enari
10:00 a.m. — Tram Loading Area

This walk will explore the abundance of information available at the Arboretum for residential gardening ideas. After a look at the Library, the tour will proceed to the groundcover display and the Home Demonstration Gardens. We will pass through the Juniper section on our way to the Garden for All Seasons to see what is in bloom and can be planted at this time of the year. Then, on to the Research Building for a look at the Herbarium, insect and mushroom displays and plant records department.

NOVEMBER

DISCOVER HOUSEPLANTS WITH FABULOUS FOLIAGE

November 4 — Ruthe Betti
2:00 p.m. — Lecture Hall

Plants with leaves in an infinite variety of shapes and coloring, with bicolored and tricolored foliage, are not only a delight in themselves but can lend interest to any indoor collection. Tips on propagation and culture will also be covered.

DISCOVERING BAMBOOS

November 18 — John Catlin
10:00 a.m. — Tram Loading Area

Bamboos are a familiar sight in southern California landscapes. These distinctive woody grasses are represented by over 20 species at the Arboretum, from the 6 inch *Arundinaria pygmaea* (Pygmy bamboo) to the 25 foot *Bambusa oldhamii* (Timber bamboo). Join this walk and discover the variety of growth habits and uses of bamboos in the residential garden. Mr. Catlin will also discuss artifacts made from bamboos and how to propagate this popular plant.

DECEMBER

EXPLORING THE CARE OF CHRISTMAS TREES -- LIVE, FRESH-CUT AND IMAGINATIVE --

December 2 — Wendy Sekovich
2:00 p.m. — Lecture Hall

If you're planning to buy a living tree this year, this lecture will offer advice on what kind to buy and how to keep it happy in its new environment--whether you keep it or donate it to a park. Also, hints for fresh-cut trees to keep them fresh and relatively fire-safe during the holidays and where to find "imaginative" trees.

INSTRUCTORS

RUTHE BETTI - horticulturist, plant information consultant for Las Voluntarias.

JOHN CATLIN -- landscape designer, plant collector.

DAN DAVIDS -- bulb specialist, Davids and Royston Bulb Co., Inc.

DR. LEONID ENARI -- retired senior biologist at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum.

WENDY SEKOVICH -- Education specialist, Los Angeles State and County Arboretum.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1, 2, 3 - 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Fern Show. Collections of ferns, carnivorous plants, orchids, bromeliads and philodendrons will be displayed at the Los Angeles International Fern Society's annual shade plant show. Herbs used for cooking and fragrance will also be exhibited among the hundreds of displays. Society members will answer questions and sell dried flowers and pods as well as ferns, bromeliads and orchids.

SEPTEMBER 9 - 2 p.m.
Herbal Lecture. Norma Johanson, past chairman of the Arboretum Herb Garden for the Herb Society of America, Southern California Unit, will lecture on "Discovering Herbs from the Garden to the Kitchen." She will also talk about the difference between herbs and spices, drying techniques and use of herbs in cooking.

SEPTEMBER 15, 16 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Ivy Show. Twenty-two varieties of ivy including coco shell, fiesta and California ivy will be displayed at the fourth annual show of the California Chapter of the American Ivy Society. On both mornings, horticulturist Edward Pokladnick will discuss growing ivy. Members will also answer questions and sell plants throughout the show.

SEPTEMBER 23 - 10 a.m.
Historical Walking Tour. The Sunday morning "Arboretum Discovery Tours" program concludes with a walking tour conducted by Sandy Snider, Arboretum Historical Curator. The tour begins at the tram loading area and continues on to the Queen Anne Cottage, Hugo Reid Adobe, Baldwin Coach Barn and the reconstructed Santa Anita Depot.

SEPTEMBER 23 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Turtle Show. Exotic turtles and tortoises from around the world will be exhibited at the 20th annual show presented by the Foothill Chapter of the California Turtle and Tortoise Club. Reptiles and natural science-oriented displays will also be featured. Literature and turtle-related items and jewelry will be sold.

SEPTEMBER 29, 30 - 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Bonsai Show. Miniature pine and juniper trees will be featured among the 100 displays at the Annual Akebono Bonsai Society show. Members will answer questions about this ancient art and sell small bonsai plants. At 2 p.m. each day, members will demonstrate how to train plants in classic Bonsai forms.

OCTOBER 19 through 28 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
GARDEN SHOW '84. An annual horticultural extravaganza, GARDEN SHOW '84 features dozens of displays by commercial landscapers, retail and wholesale nurseries, garden clubs, horticultural organizations and college research teams. The show theme, "Fall is for Flowers," will help remind gardeners of the exotic plants that thrive in the mild Southern California winters. Many of these plants as well as gardening accessories will be for sale in the Trade Mart. Admission is $4 for adults and $3 for youngsters 5-17, students with ID and seniors over 62.

Take us for flowers

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